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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT PFOR IZ
SUBJECT: ABU DAUD ARREST IN PARIS

1. USINT SOURCE WHO HAS CLOSE LINKS WITH IRAQI SECURITY TOLD PRINCIPAL OFFICER THAT GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ HAS NOT PROTESTED ARREST OF ABU DAUD TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT BUT HAS CALLED IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN THAT ABU DAUD NOT BE EXTRADITED TO ISRAEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUESTIONABLE PROVISIONS OF ISRAELI LAW THAT ASSUME ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY EXTENDS WORLDWIDE WHENEVER CRIMES ARE COMMITTED AGAINST ISRAELI CITIZENS.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT ABU DAUD HAD BEEN OFFERED ASSYLUM IN IRAQ DURING THE TROUBLES IN LEBANON AND HOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN LAISSER PASSER TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY. NATIONAL COMMAND, ;#923;34, HAD ORDERED PASSPORT OFFICE TO ISSUE ABU DAUD AN IRAQI PASSPORT RATHER THAN A LAISSER PASSER. GOI AND REGIONAL COMMAND NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITON OF HAVING TO PROVIDE NORMAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO ABU DAUD SINCE

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HE HAS A REGULAR IRAQI PASSPORT. NATIONAL COMMAND IS NOW CLAIMING THAT ISSUANCE OF IRAQI PASSPORT WAS RESULT OF CLERICAL ERROR.

3. SOURCE SAID THAT GOI WOULD HAVE NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT WITH FRENCH OR GERMAN GOVERNMENTS AS LONG AS ABU DAUD IS GIVEN FAIR TRIAL AND ALL ESTABLISHED

LEGAL PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED. HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY,
HOWEVER, THAT GOI WOULD TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON SNTUATION
TO MAKE POINTS WITH THE PALESTINIANS BY OSTENTATIVOUSLY
PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO ABU DAUD AND PUBLICLY
SUPPORTING HIM AGAINST FRENCH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS.

4. SOURCE SAID THAT GOI HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT ABU DAUD
WAS INVOLVED IN KHARTOUM SLAYING OF TWO AMERICAN
AND ONE BELGIUM DIPLOMATS.
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